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CWW and CSAW Enhancements to Support Kinship Care Cases

To: Local Child Care Administrative Agencies

Subject: CWW and CSAW enhancements for Kinship and Guardianship cases

Purpose: This memo informs agencies of enhancements to the CWW Benefits Received

page and CSAW enhancements to require the correct co-payment codes for

kinship and guardianship cases.

Date: December 19, 2014

Details:

Previously, the Benefits Received page in CWW had two data fields for kinship care cases to account for three necessary policy requirements. The two fields were "Kinship Care" and "Kinship Care Court Order".

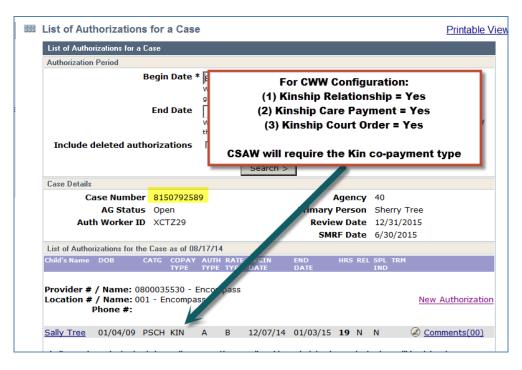
Up to now, workers have been instructed to mark the "Kinship Care" field Yes, to indicate either that there is a kinship relationship or that the child is receiving the kinship payment. Workers have also been instructed to mark the "Kinship Court Order" field Yes, only if the first question is Yes, and there is a court document of any type placing the child in the home. However, CWW did not allow the combination of "Kinship Care" being No and "Kinship Court Order" being Yes. This has resulted in cases in which the financial eligibility test was incorrectly based on the natural or adoptive parent's income at 200% FPL.

This new enhancement adds a field titled, "Kinship Relationship" to CWW. In addition, the "Kinship Care" field name has been renamed as "Kinship Care Payment" to more precisely identify this field only as the payment indicator. Also, the "Kinship Care Court Order" field name has been renamed to "Kinship Court Order" to more precisely identify this field only as the court order indicator.

CSAW will require the correct co-payment type as follows:

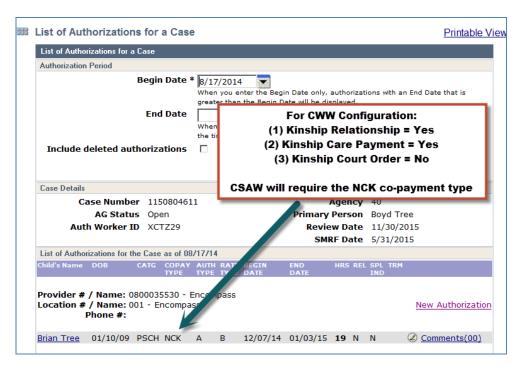
- (1) If the Benefits Received Page in CWW is set to the following:
 - a. Kinship Relationship = Yes
 - b. Kinship Care Payment = Yes
 - c. Kinship Court Order = Yes

In this scenario the financial eligibility test is based on the natural or adoptive parents' income and is tested at 200% FPL and CSAW will require the KIN co-payment type.



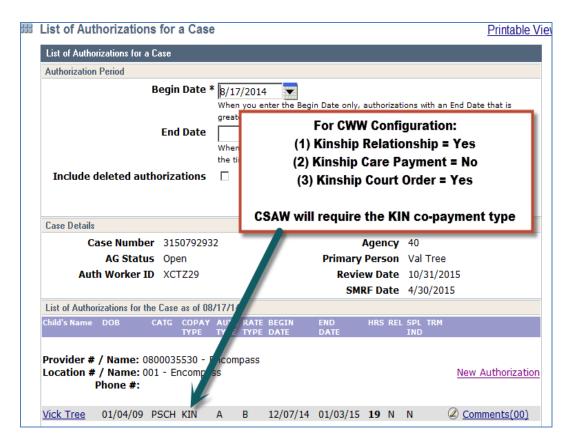
- (2) If the Benefits Received Page in CWW is set to the following:
 - a. Kinship Relationship = Yes
 - b. Kinship Care Payment = Yes
 - c. Kinship Court Order = No

In this scenario the financial eligibility test is based on the kinship caregivers' income and is tested at 185% FPL and CSAW will require the NCK co-payment type.



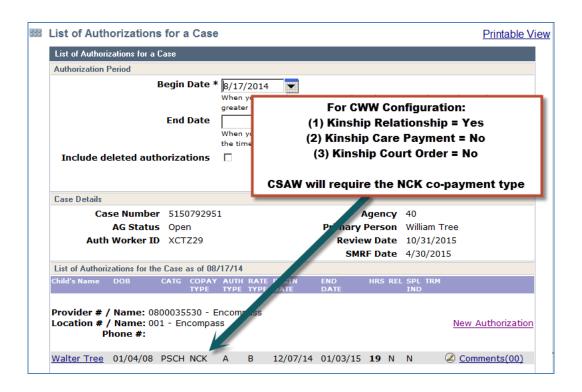
- (3) If the Benefits Received Page in CWW is set to the following:
 - a. Kinship Relationship = Yes
 - b. Kinship Care Payment = No
 - c. Kinship Court Order = Yes

In this scenario the financial eligibility test is based on the kinship caregivers' income and is tested at 185% FPL and CSAW will require the KIN co-payment type.



- (4) If the Benefits Received Page in CWW is set to the following:
 - a. Kinship Relationship = Yes
 - b. Kinship Care Payment = No
 - c. Kinship Court Order = No

In this scenario the financial eligibility test will be based on the kinship caregivers' income and is tested at 185% FPL and CSAW will require the NCK co-payment type.



Co-payment type restrictions have been reinstated in CSAW as a result of the addition of a new Kinship Relationship field on the CWW Benefits Received page.

The Child Care Policy Manual Chapters 1 and 3 and the CSAW Authorization Management User Guide will be updated to reflect these changes.

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